

Appl. No. 10/083,587
Amendment in response to
Office Action mailed 11/03/2003

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed 11/03/2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 406 and 8-60 are allowed. The Examiner rejected claim 41-43, 45, 46 and 52-57 under 35 U.S.C. s. 102(b) as anticipated by Johnson US Patent No. 6,012,011 and rejected claims 44 and 58 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Johnson in view of Konrad et al. US Patent No. 4,423,362. The Examiner indicated that claims 47-51, 59 and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

The Applicant has cancelled claim 47 and amended claim 46 to include the limitations of claim 47. Therefore claim 46 and claims 48-60 depending from it are allowable. Method claim 41 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 47 and therefore similarly it is submitted that claim 41 and claims 42-45 depending from it are similarly allowable.

It is submitted therefore that the amended claims are allowable, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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